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FINANCIAL PACKAGE TO ORISSA
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated guidelines for determination of backwardness of a State in order to become eligible to get financial assistance from the proposed Backward States Development Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the basis on which the financial assistance is to be released from the proposed fund;

(d) whether Orissa has demanded a special financial package like Bihar in view of its backwardness and severe financial crisis;

(e) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(f) in case, any delay, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): As per the Speech of the Finance Minister for Budget 2004 - 05 , the Backward States Grant Fund is to become operational from Annual Plan 2005-06.

(d):Yes, Sir.

(e) & (f): Assistance to the Governments of Backward States will be considered once operationalisation of Backward States Grant Fund is finalized.